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§3–602.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Family member” has the meaning stated in § 3-601 of this subtitle.
- (3) “Household member” has the meaning stated in § 3-601 of this subtitle.
- (4) (i) “Sexual abuse” means an act that involves sexual molestation or exploitation of a minor, whether physical injuries are sustained or not.
- (ii) “Sexual abuse” includes:
 - 1. incest;
 - 2. rape;
 - 3. sexual offense in any degree;
 - 4. sodomy; and
 - 5. unnatural or perverted sexual practices.
- (b) (1) A parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for the supervision of a minor may not cause sexual abuse to the minor.
- (2) A household member or family member may not cause sexual abuse to a minor.
- (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 25 years.
- (d) A sentence imposed under this section may be separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence for:
 - (1) any crime based on the act establishing the violation of this section; or

(2) a violation of § 3-601 of this subtitle involving an act of abuse separate from sexual abuse under this section.

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